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INTRODUCTION

The Special Review Assessment (SRA) is the designated alternate assessment for the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) and is available to students who have met all high school graduation requirements except for demonstrating proficiency in all content areas of the HSPA (N.J.S.A. 18A:7c-3 & N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1).

The SRA is aligned to the HSPA test specifications to ensure that students who demonstrate proficiency through the SRA have demonstrated the same knowledge, skills and performance levels as students who are proficient on the HSPA.

ELIGIBILITY

The SRA process usually begins when school district personnel receive Individual Student Reports (ISRs), which give specific information about proficiency results for each student who took the HSPA. High school students have three chances to demonstrate proficiency on the HSPA—the spring of their junior year, the fall of their senior year, and the spring of their senior year.

For every administration of the HSPA, each school district receives ISRs for their students (Appendix A). School personnel review the ISRs to see if the student has demonstrated proficiency on the language arts literacy and on the mathematics sections of the HSPA. A student whose scaled score is below 200 (partially proficient) in HSPA language arts literacy and/or mathematics content areas and is expected to complete all state and local high school graduation requirements for a June or summer graduation is eligible for the SRA process.

Similarly, high school students enrolled in special programs for "at risk," non-classified students or other non-graded categories whose scaled score is below 200 (partially proficient) in one or more HSPA content areas may participate in the SRA process if they are expected to complete all state and local high school graduation requirements for a June or summer graduation.

Likewise, students who transfer into a school district during their senior year and have not taken the HSPA should be placed immediately in the SRA process if they are expected to complete all state and local high school graduation requirements for a June or summer graduation.

Finally, students who, by the end of their senior year, are still not proficient (200 or better) in all HSPA content areas, and have not completed the SRA process may continue the SRA process as a regular, vocational, or alternative high school student (fifth-year student or retained twelfth grader) or as an adult high school student. If these students choose not to enroll in a regular, vocational, alternative, or adult high school, then they may not continue in the SRA process but may continue to take the HSPA as non-enrolled "returning students" at their high school.

PICK-UP OF TEST MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS

By June prior to each school year, the secure SRA test materials and publications will be available from the county offices of education for pick-up by a certificated school district staff member. The secure test materials consist of the language arts literacy Performance Assessment Tasks (PATs), the language arts literacy rubrics for the PATs, the mathematics PATs, and the mathematics rubrics/sample responses for the PATs. The publications include the 2004-2005 SRA administration manual and the SRA Mathematics Rubric Scoring Handbook. These publications, along with the SRA Language Arts Literacy: A Writing and Reading Handbook, are also available on the New Jersey Department of Education website at http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/.

Since the county offices of education have limited storage space, it is imperative that each school district pick-up the secure SRA test materials in June prior to each school year. It is each school district's responsibility to contact the appropriate county office of education to arrange a mutually convenient time for the pick-up (Appendix B). At the time of pick-up, the certificated person will have to sign for the secure SRA test materials and publications as well as turn in the verification form which states that last year's SRA test materials have been shredded. Similarly, if the school district received a CD set for the translations of the HSPA SRA PATs, the original CD set must also be returned to the county office. The above cited verification form should state that all duplicates of the CD have been destroyed before next year's SRA test materials can be released by the county office of education to a school district.

When the SRA test materials are brought back to the school district, the secure SRA test materials and publications should be given to the district/school SRA coordinator to be placed in locked storage until ready for use. The SRA coordinator should set aside some time to read the manual and share copies of the manual with the SRA panel members.

Test Security

The SRA test materials must be kept secure at all times. The SRA test materials include the PATs for each HSPA content area, the item specific rubrics for the reading cluster and mathematics, and the individual sample responses for each mathematics PAT.

Under no circumstances may secure SRA test materials be transported between school districts or lent to other school districts to be administered to regular education students. For example, if a school district has a student(s) who is attending a school outside of the home school district such as a county educational services commission or an alternative high school, the home school district may not give copies of the secure SRA test materials to the receiving school to administer to that student(s). The receiving school must contact the county office of education in the county where the receiving school is located and request from the county office of education a set of SRA test materials for their school's use.

Even though the superintendent is ultimately responsible for the security of the test materials, and the district/school SRA coordinator is responsible for maintaining the security of the

materials, this responsibility does not rest solely with them. Each certificated individual who handles the SRA materials is also responsible for maintaining the security of the SRA test materials. A breach of test security is an extremely serious matter with not only financial consequences for the school district but also a possible loss of teaching and/or administrative license(s) for a certificated staff person.

Only the district/school SRA coordinator is permitted to maintain the complete set of PATs and to make copies of the PATs for individual student use. The district/school SRA coordinator should use the SRA Record of PAT Copies (Appendix C) to track and account for each copy of the SRA PAT. If there is a breach of test security, this form will be helpful in tracking where and how the breach occurred.

Upon completion of all SRA assessments for the school year, the district/school SRA coordinator must shred the original set of SRA PATs and all copies, and return the original CD set of translated SRA PATs to the county office of education while destroying all CD copies. Although the department may provide periodic reminders to this effect, the superintendent is responsible for assuring that these materials are disposed of securely each year.

SRA INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Before students are administered the SRA PATs, students must participate in a school-designed SRA instructional program for that content area. Typically, the SRA Instructional Program will begin in September of the student's senior year of high school. Prior to the October HSPA administration, the school staff is usually preparing students to retake the HSPA by concentrating on the knowledge and skills that students will need to be successful. After the October HSPA administration, school districts will continue the SRA Instructional Program until such time that the SRA teacher feels that students can be successful on a SRA PAT(s).

School district staff are encouraged to use a variety of approaches as they design and implement the instructional component of the SRA process. One approach would be to involve the SRA Panel in designing the student's instructional program since the SRA Panel selects the PATs that the student takes. In mathematics, the PAT item number tells the knowledge and problem solving skills that the student should know in order to be successful on that PAT. The first two numbers tell the problem solving skills and the second two numbers reveal the knowledge. For example, Cluster I/Macro B PAT item number is PAT-B0705-001S, where 07 is the problem solving skills component and 05 is the knowledge component. Using the *Directory of Test Specifications and Sample Items for the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) and the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) in Mathematics*, "problem solving 07" means the student should be able to illustrate and model ratios, proportions and percents in real life situations while "knowledge 05" means that the student should be able to solve proportions. With this information, the SRA Instructional Program teacher can instruct the students in these areas.

However, modeling instructional materials after the SRA PATs is not permitted and could be considered a breach of test security. For example, it is not appropriate to change the numbers on a sample response for a SRA mathematics PAT and use that sample response as test preparation materials in an SRA Instructional Program. This is not what is meant by instructing the students on the knowledge and skills required to be successful on a mathematics PAT.

Other resources that may prove helpful in designing a SRA Instructional Program are the sample SRA PATs for language arts literacy and mathematics, the SRA Language Arts Literacy: A Writing and Reading Handbook, and the SRA Mathematics Rubric Scoring Handbook which are located on the New Jersey Professional Education Port (NJPEP) at http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/hs/sra2/ and on the department website at http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/. Similarly, the directories of test specifications and sample items for HSPA language arts literacy and mathematics are excellent sources for content cluster knowledge and skills information. These publications are also on the department website.

FORMING SRA PANELS

Two district-appointed SRA panels (i.e., one in language arts literacy (LAL) and one in mathematics) oversee the SRA process for each student who is partially proficient in LAL and/or is partially proficient in mathematics. The SRA panels are comprised of a minimum of two teachers certified in that HSPA content area. The SRA LAL panel must include secondary certified English teachers. Reading certified teachers may also be members of the SRA LAL panel but they may only score the SRA PATs in reading **unless** they have been trained by the department as holistic scorers. The SRA mathematics panel must include secondary certified mathematics teachers. A third content certified teacher may be added to the panel if the two SRA panel members' scores disagree by more than one point.

In addition to the content-area-certified teachers, English as a Second Language/Bilingual teachers may also be included on the panels for English Language Learners (ELLs) and Special Education teachers or members of the Individualized Education Program team may be included on the panels for special education students.

SRA panel responsibilities include:

- verifying that parents were notified about the SRA Instructional Program;
- confirming the HSPA content area in which the student is partially proficient;
- selecting the SRA PATs to be administered to individual students;
- administering the SRA PAT (Teachers need not be certified in the content area to administer the PAT, but only certificated staff may administer SRA PATs.);
- scoring students' responses to the SRA PATs;
- tracking students' progress; and
- completing the SRA student profiles.

SELECTING THE SRA PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT TASKS (PATs)

SRA PAT selection is based **solely** on the results of the student's first HSPA administration. For most students, this means the spring HSPA administration during their junior year, while for some transfer students, it may mean the fall HSPA administration during their senior year. For these transfer students, the department recommends that they be placed immediately in the SRA process if they are expected to complete all state and local high school graduation requirements for a June or summer graduation.

In content areas where the student is partially proficient (scaled score below 200), the student must successfully complete two SRA PATs in each content area cluster. Language arts literacy has two clusters. For language arts literacy, a student must successfully complete one persuasive reading PAT, one narrative reading PAT, and two writing PATs for a total of four SRA language arts literacy PATs. Mathematics has four clusters. For mathematics, a student must successfully complete two PATs in each cluster for a total of eight SRA mathematics PATs. To the extent possible, the mathematics PATs should be chosen from among the macros for that cluster. For example, the SRA panel should choose one PAT from Macro A and one PAT from Macro B for Cluster 1 - Number Sense, Concepts and Applications.

Perfect/Near Perfect Cluster Raw Score Exemption

A perfect/near perfect cluster raw score exemption is the only exception to the rule that a student must successfully complete two PATs for each cluster in a content area in which the student is partially proficient. This exemption may only be applied to the results of a student's first HSPA administration. A near perfect cluster raw score is defined as missing the perfect cluster raw score by one point. To determine if a student has achieved a perfect/near perfect cluster raw score, the "Your Raw Score" column on the Individual Student Report (Appendix A) tells the number of raw score points a student earned out of the total number of possible raw score points. For example, if a student scored 6 out of 7 for the mathematics number sense cluster, then that student has scored a near perfect cluster raw score and does not need to complete any PATs for that cluster. Also, if the student scored 7 out of 7 for the mathematics number senses cluster, then that student has scored a perfect cluster raw score and does not need to complete any PATs for that cluster. However, if the student scores less than 6 out 7 in the mathematics number sense cluster, the student must successfully complete two PATs for that cluster.

ADMINISTERING SRA PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT TASKS (PATs)

The SRA is an individually, locally administered, state-developed, locally scored assessment. Each SRA question, known as a Performance Assessment Task, consists of one to six openended parts derived from a common stem. Reading and writing are the two clusters for LAL while number sense, spatial sense, data analysis, and patterns are the four clusters for mathematics. A student may only take an SRA PAT once.

If a student is not successful on a specific PAT, additional PATs may be administered until the student successfully completes the required number of PATs for that content area. For the SRA language arts literacy reading cluster, the SRA Language Arts Literacy Test Development Committee linked three to five PATs to each narrative and to each persuasive passage. Consequently, if a student is not successful on one of the PATs linked to a specific reading passage, the student can take another PAT linked to that same passage. In this way, the student can retain comprehension of one specific passage while attempting a different linked PAT. Nevertheless, if the student has exhausted the available PATs for a specific content area, the district/school SRA coordinator should call Dr. Faye Ball, SRA coordinator at (609) 984-1970 or e-mail her at faye.ball@doe.state.nj.us for further options.

Most SRA PATs can be completed in a single untimed session. However, if it is not possible for a student to complete a PAT in one session, the PAT may be broken into separate and distinct parts and given to the student in multiple sessions. For example, the narrative passage might be given to the student on the first day. The student would be allowed to read the passage and make marginal notes or underline parts at this first session. At the end of the session, the passage and any student notes should be collected and returned to the school SRA coordinator. The next day, the student would be given both the passage and the questions. Upon completion of the answers to the questions, the total package would be collected and processed for scoring. Under no circumstances may PATs and/or students' notes leave the room during the administration of a PAT. Also, students must be proctored at all times while working on the PATs.

Only the PAT that a student is scheduled to take should be released to the teacher who is administering the SRA. Both the copy of the PAT and the student's response must be returned to the SRA coordinator as soon as the student has completed the task. At no time should a copy of the SRA PAT be kept with the student's response nor should the student be allowed to copy the PAT onto his/her answer paper.

The teacher who is administering a SRA PAT to the student does not have to be certified in that content area but only certificated staff may administer SRA PATs. Similarly, the department has no rules or regulations that would ban the SRA Instructional Program teacher from administering a SRA PAT

SCORING STUDENT RESPONSES

Scoring rubrics provide the criteria for evaluating and scoring student performance. The SRA PATs for the language arts literacy reading cluster and mathematics are scored by using itemspecific rubrics which are individual scoring guides supplied for each PAT. For your convenience, the generic scoring rubrics for the LAL reading cluster and mathematics can be found in Appendices D & E. The New Jersey Registered Holistic Scoring Rubric (Appendix F) is used to score the SRA PATs for the language arts literacy writing cluster.

Two content-certified language arts literacy panel members must independently score each SRA PAT. The two independent ratings must be equal (agreeing) or within one point of each other

(contiguous/adjacent). The final score for each reading PAT is calculated by taking the mean score of the two independent scores. A mean score of 3 on each PAT is the reading proficient score which means that the two SRA panel members each scored the student's response a 3 or better. The final score for the writing PAT is the summed score of the two independent scores which means that the writing proficient score should be a summed score of 7 or better on each PAT. No rounding is permitted.

Two content-certified mathematics panel members must independently score each SRA PAT. The two independent ratings must be equal (agreeing) or within one point of each other (contiguous/adjacent). The final score for each mathematics PAT is calculated by taking the mean score of the two independent scores. A mean score of 2 on each PAT is the mathematics proficient score which means that the two SRA panel members each scored the student's response a 2 or better. No rounding is permitted.

However, if the two SRA panel members' scores disagree by more than one point, a third content-certified panel member must score the response. The new PAT score is derived by taking the mean of (for reading and mathematics) or summing (for writing) the two highest contiguous scores. If no two of the three scores are in agreement, the student must complete another PAT.

Scoring Student Responses in a Language Other than English

For SRA language arts literacy PATs, students' responses in their native language may also be scored without being translated into English by other than content certificated secondary English teachers in one of the following ways, listed by order of preference:

- 1. by certificated world language teachers from within the school district or from other New Jersey school districts;
- 2. by certificated ESL teachers who are fluent in the native language;
- 3. by certificated bilingual teachers who are fluent in the native language;
- 4. by faculty from four-year colleges and universities or community colleges if they agree to be trained as holistic scorers; and
- 5. by community members who are not related to the student but have a four-year college degree and agree to be trained as holistic scorers.

However, two content certificated secondary English teachers must verify that the scoring is accurate.

For SRA mathematics PATs, students' responses in their native language can **only** be scored by two independent certificated secondary mathematics teachers. If the certificated secondary mathematics teachers are not fluent in the native language, certificated world language teachers, certificated ESL teachers or certificated bilingual teachers may orally translate the student responses for the SRA mathematics panel members. The teacher involved in the oral translation

will be considered a non-scoring member of the SRA mathematics panel and should be listed on the SRA Student Profile Form (Appendix G).

Each student's scoring history should be recorded on the SRA Student Response Tracking Sheet (Appendix H) which is available on the department and NJPEP websites. The Student Response Tracking Sheet is a record of an individual student's successful completion of the SRA process. A separate sheet should be completed for each content area. The completed Student Response Tracking Sheet should be kept in the school district's permanent record.

PREPARING STUDENT PROFILE FORMS

The SRA Student Profile Form (Appendix G), which is also available on the department and NJPEP websites, documents the student's proficiency through the SRA process in the required content areas. The student profile form, along with the student's ISRs from each HSPA administration, must be submitted to the county office for each student who completes the SRA process. On the form, list the date the PAT was successfully completed, the item number for each PAT successfully completed, the language of the PAT if other than English, and the individual score for each PAT the student successfully completed.

The SRA Panel Member Recommendations section on the SRA Student Profile Form is where the SRA panel members affirm that the student has demonstrated proficiency of the required HSPA content areas.

SUBMITTING COMPLETED STUDENT PROFILE FORMS AND SCHOOL SUMMARY FORMS TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

A student profile form for each SRA student with the attached ISRs from each HSPA administration and a signed SRA School Summary Form (Appendix I) placed on the top of all the student profiles submitted by a school district must arrive in the office of the county superintendent no later than **March 31 of each year** (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5-1[f]1). The SRA Record of PAT Copies, the student response tracking sheet, and students' responses to the PATs are not sent to the office of the county superintendent but are kept in a secure location in the school district for one year after a student's graduation date.

If a county educational services commission or an alternative high school is submitting the student profile and the school summary forms for their regular education students, the forms are sent to the county office of education where the student's home school district is located.

The school summary form lists information about all of the students for whom a profile is being submitted. This form should be completed for each school building submitting SRA student profiles. The school summary form also contains the signature section for the school principal and the superintendent. This form is also available on the department and NJPEP websites.

The school district should keep copies of all SRA materials sent to the office of the county superintendent as well as the SRA Record of PAT Copies, the student response tracking sheet, and students' responses to the PATs for one year after a student's graduation date. After the one year, the district can destroy the student's responses to the PATs but retain the SRA Student Profile Form, the SRA Student Response Tracking Sheet and the SRA School Summary Form in the school district's permanent record.

END-OF-YEAR SRA

June Graduation

An end-of-year SRA applies to those students whose SRA profile would not be submitted to the county office of education by the March 31 deadline because of extenuating circumstances. Approval for end-of-year SRAs must be obtained by the school district from the office of the county superintendent before the March 31 submission deadline. Unexcused absences or a student's failure to cooperate with the SRA process in a timely manner are not valid reasons for an end-of-year SRA.

The following students *automatically* qualify for an end-of-year SRA:

- seniors who transfer in from out-of-state or non-public schools after the October HSPA administration;
- seniors who were seriously ill or disabled during or prior to HSPA administrations; and
- special education students who were previously exempt from taking or exempt from passing the HSPA and who are now declassified in their senior year.

An end-of-year SRA may also be granted by the county superintendent to students who took the HSPA prior to the March test administration of their senior year but were unable to complete the SRA. The following students may qualify for an end-of-year SRA with the written permission of the county superintendent:

- seniors who went off roll from a New Jersey public high school prior to the SRA submission deadline and were subsequently readmitted after the SRA submission deadline;
- seniors who were ill or disabled for an extended time prior to the SRA submission deadline; and
- seniors who would not be certified by the district prior to the SRA submission deadline due to extenuating circumstances.

Districts are responsible for notifying the county office in writing of all potential end-of-year SRA cases as they arise, preferably before the March 31 submission deadline. Notification should include the student's name, reason for the end-of-year SRA, and the district's graduation date. All end-of-year SRA student profiles must be submitted to the county office no later than

five working days after the district receives the March HSPA score reports in early June. The county superintendent's office will make every effort to expedite the review of all end-of-year SRA student profiles but cannot guarantee that the review and notification process will be completed prior to the commencement exercise.

Summer Graduation

Seniors who have not passed all sections of the HSPA or have not successfully completed the SRA process and who anticipate a summer graduation may qualify for an end-of-year SRA. Districts are responsible for notifying the county superintendent in writing of all potential end-of-year summer graduation SRA cases no later than ten working days after the district receives the March HSPA score reports in early June. Notification should include the student's name, reason for the end-of-year SRA, and the district's summer school closing date. All end-of-year SRA student profiles must be submitted to the county superintendent no later than five working days after the district's summer school closing date.

SUMMER SRA

The summer SRA process can be initiated by those school districts who wish to begin the SRA Instructional Program and administer the SRA PATs during the summer between the student's junior and senior year. However, the county office will not review the summer SRA student profiles until after the March 31 submission deadline of the student's senior year.

MEETING THE STATE'S GRADUATION ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT

All SRA students must continue to take the HSPA each time it is administered, including March of their senior year. This requirement serves to underscore that the HSPA is the primary means of demonstrating proficiency in the language arts literacy and mathematics content areas.

SRA candidates meet the graduation assessment requirement only when the district receives written approval from the county superintendent. In a sending/receiving relationship for regular education students with a county educational services commission or an alternative high school, the office of the county superintendent will send a copy of the written approval to the sending and receiving schools.

Although all school districts in New Jersey have adopted a combination of state and local graduation requirements, the decision on whether a student graduates is made by the local school district, pursuant to law and rule. The state's role is to ensure that the rights of all students are protected according to relevant statute and code. The school district superintendent and the high school principal are required to verify that each student's performance on the SRA PAT meets or exceeds the proficiency level of the state's graduation assessment. The county superintendent

reviews the SRA student profiles to ensure that each local school district's implementation of the SRA process is in compliance.

SRA FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Special Education (SE) Students

If the student's IEP states that the student is exempt from taking or exempt from passing the HSPA, then the student should not be placed in the SRA process.

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), all students with disabilities must participate in state assessments. The only state assessments recognized by NCLB are the HSPA and Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA). Students with disabilities who are in grade 11, (or age 18 if ungraded), must participate in the HSPA or the APA. The regulations state that each student with disabilities must take the general state assessment, which is the HSPA for eleventh-graders (or age 18 if ungraded), unless the student has not been instructed in any of the knowledge and skills tested and cannot complete any of the types of tasks on the HSPA. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team for each student determines which assessment the student will take for each content area addressed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14.

The IEP team must also determine if the student who is taking the HSPA in one or both content areas will be required to pass the HSPA in those content areas in order to graduate. If a student's IEP states that the student must pass the HSPA in one or more content areas in order to graduate, and the student does not pass the specified content areas in eleventh grade (or age 18 if ungraded), the student will participate in the SRA. The IEP team may also determine that the student does not have to take the HSPA a second or third time while he or she is participating in the SRA if taking the HSPA again would be detrimental to the student (N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.11[a]4).

Any modifications or accommodations of assessment administration procedures for students eligible for special education under IDEA or eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, must be specified in the student's IEP or 504 accommodation plan. Modifications or accommodations must be consistent with the instruction and assessment procedures used in the student's classroom. A listing of the permissible modifications and accommodations may be found in the *New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment Examiner Manual*. If the student's IEP requires an accommodation or modification that is not listed in the examiner manual, please contact Dr. Peggy McDonald, Special Education Assessment Liaison, Office of Special Education Programs, at (609) 292-3065 or peggy.mcdonald@doe.state.nj.us.

Private Schools for the Disabled or Regional Day Schools: Students with disabilities who attend private schools for the disabled or regional day schools will participate in the SRA process according to the options outlined here:

- If private schools for the disabled or regional day schools are **not** approved by the department to administer the SRA, the sending district will convene the SRA panel and score the student's response to the PATs. The receiving school will provide remediation. Certificated staff from the sending and/or receiving district may administer the SRA PATs. The student profile will be submitted by the sending district to the office of the county superintendent where the student resides.
- If the private schools for the disabled or regional day schools are approved by the department to administer the SRA, the sending district or the receiving school may convene the SRA panel. The panel must be composed of two teachers who are certified in the HSPA content area to be addressed by the student's SRA. A certified special education teacher, who is not necessarily certified in the content area, may sit on the panel, in addition to the content teachers, if determined appropriate by the school district.

For each student who will be taking the SRA, the panel must have access to the HSPA ISR. The ISR will be used by the panel to identify the content areas that will constitute each student's SRA.

The SRA materials will be signed out by each private school for the disabled or regional day school from the county office of education in which the school is located, regardless of the sending district of the student participating in the SRA. Each school must consult with the county education specialist regarding procedures for security and handling of materials.

When a student has completed the SRA, the SRA Student Profile Form and the SRA School Summary Form must be submitted to the office of the county superintendent for the **county in which the student resides** by March 31 of each year for approval for graduation in June of the same year. Be sure to list both the student's sending district and the school which the student would attend if not receiving special education as well as the name of the approved private school for the disabled or regional day school attended by the student on each form.

An SRA student meets the graduation assessment requirement only when the sending district and the approved private school for the disabled or regional day school receive written approval from the county superintendent. The approval letter will be sent to the sending district and copied to the county superintendent of the approved private school for the disabled or regional day school.

English Language Learners (ELLs)

English Language Learners (ELLs) may demonstrate proficiency in required SRA content areas through completion of the SRA process in their native language, and/or in English with appropriate accommodations (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1[f]). If ELLs take the SRA PATs in their native language, then they must also take the Maculaitis (MAC) II and meet the English fluency standard of 530 for the MAC II.

To be eligible for an SRA in his or her native language, an ELL must have scored below the state established cut-off score on the Idea Proficient Test (IPT), the Maculaitis Language Assessment Program (MAC II) or the Language Assessment Scales (LAS) and have either:

1. participated in a Bilingual, English as a Second Language, or English Language Services program for two consecutive years or less prior to the date on which the HSPA is to be administered:

OR

2. attended school in the United States for three consecutive years or less prior to the date on which the HSPA is to be administered.

If translations of the SRA PATs for a specific language are not available, then the SRA PATs may be translated by certificated world language teachers, by certificated ESL teachers, by certificated bilingual teachers, by faculty from four-year colleges and universities or community colleges, or community members with four-year college degrees who are not related to the student. Other options would be for school districts to share locally, school district produced translations or to consider one of the translation services listed in Appendix J or any other reputable translation service.

The ESL or the Bilingual teacher may perform the following activities for translated SRA PATs:

- explain the process and clarify instructions;
- proctor to maintain the integrity of the assessment;
- score student responses to the language arts literacy PATs as the third panel member if not a certificated secondary English teacher or reading specialist;
- translate/interpret student responses to the English and/or reading content certified teachers on the student's SRA panel so they may score the student's responses; and
- translate/interpret student responses to the mathematics content certified teachers on the student's SRA panel so they may score the student's responses.

The ESL or the Bilingual teacher may perform the following activities with materials prepared in English:

- assist with the selection of the PATs to be administered (Some reading passages have been marked by an asterisk by the SRA LAL Test Development Committee as most appropriate for ELLs.);
- explain the process and clarify/translate the instructions;
- proctor to maintain the integrity of the assessment;
- assist the student in using a bilingual dictionary;
- translate/interpret student responses to the content experts if the student uses English materials but responds in the native language; and

• score student responses if the student responds in a native language to the language arts literacy PATs as the third panel member if not a certificated secondary English teacher or reading specialist.

SRA student profiles for ELLs must be submitted to the county office by March 31 of each year, even if the English fluency standard of 530 has not been achieved on the Maculaitis II. However, school districts may not award a diploma until the student meets the English fluency standard and the county office has approved the profiles based on evidence submitted by the school district.

If you have questions regarding the eligibility requirements for ELLs, please contact Ms. Raquel Sinai, Coordinator of Bilingual/ESL Education, Office of Specialized Populations, at (609) 633-6889 or raquel.sinai@doe.state.nj.us.

SRA ONSITE VERIFICATION

Each year the department will select school districts for onsite verification visits to confirm that the school district is following the SRA process. Districts will be notified prior to the onsite verification.

The onsite team will review a random sampling of students' actual responses to SRA PATs, the scoring of those PATs, SRA Instructional Program materials, SRA Student Profile Forms, SRA Student Response Tracking Sheet, SRA Record of PAT Copies, district policies and procedures regarding the SRA, SRA panel selection criteria, students ISRs, and test security procedures. Each onsite verification visit should require no more than a day. To facilitate the onsite verification, school districts are to maintain a copy of all student responses with supporting documentation for one year.

APPENDIX A INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REPORT (ISR)

Test Dat Report F	Test Date: OCTOBER 2003 Report Printed: 10/27/2003	T	New Jersey Iigh School Proficiency Assess Individual Student Report	New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment Individual Student Report		HSPA HASH
County: District: School:	88 WOOD 7777 GOOD TOWN 666 PROFICIENCY HIGH		Date of Birth: 02/03/85 Sex: F Grade: 12	LEP: SE: IEP Exempt From Passing:	Answer Folder No: 30507 District/School ID No: 0425248 Retest:	84
Studen HSI	Student Name: ANDERS, ABIGAIL HSPA ID No: 5681234871	IGAIL	Out of District Fraceriterit.			
•	Content Area	Your Scale Score	Proficiency Level	Partially Proficient / Not Pass: Score BELOW 200	ore BELOW 200	
	Mathematics	206	PROFICIENT	Proficient / Pass: Score AT OR ABOVE 200	OVE 200	
	Language Arts Literacy	122	PARTIALLY PROFICIENT	Advanced Proficient / Pass: Score AT OR ABOVE 250	e AT OR ABOVE 250	
	Mat	Mathematics		Language	Language Arts Literacy	
The Mat	The Mathematics section assesses a student's abilities		in the following clusters.	The Language Arts Literacy section assesses a student's abilities in the following clusters.	esses a student's abilities in the fol	llowing
Cluster		Your Raw Score	Just Proficient <u>Means</u>	Cluster	Your Raw <u>Score</u>	Just Proficient <u>Means</u>
Number Sen Applications	Number Sense, Concepts & Applications	9.9 out of 7	6.66	Writing	9.9 out of 18	6.66
Spatial (Spatial Sense & Geometry	9.9 out of 12	6.99	Reading	9.9 out of 36	6.99
Data An Discrete	Data Analysis, Probability, Statistics & Discrete Mathematics	9.9 out of 15	6.66			1
Patterns	Patterns, Functions & Algebra	9.9 out of 14	6.66	Interpreting Text	9.9 out of 12	6. 6. 6. 6.
						2.

Note: The data used in this report are for illustrative purposes only.

6.66

9.9 out of 48

9.9 out of 36

Problem Solving

Knowledge

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APPENDIX C SRA RECORD OF PAT COPIES

County	District	School
Directions: Only the	district SRA coordinator or designee	<u>Directions:</u> Only the district SRA coordinator or designee may make copies of SRA PATs. All PATs and copies are secure
assessment materials	and must be kept in locked storage wher	assessment materials and must be kept in locked storage when not in use for assessment. Record the date when each copy is made, the
name of the person	making the copies, the name of the p	name of the person making the copies, the name of the person receiving the copies, the subject (R=Reading, M=Mathematics,
W=Writing); the PA	T item number; the name of the student,	W=Writing); the PAT item number; the name of the student, and the date the copy is returned. Forward all copies of the PATs and
student responses to	the district SRA coordinator at the conclu	student responses to the district SRA coordinator at the conclusion of the SRA process. This record must be maintained by the district
SRA coordinator and	I may be examined during the onsite ver	SRA coordinator and may be examined during the onsite verification of the district's SRA procedures. The New Jersey Department
of Education may rec	of Education may request these records at any time during the school year.	e school year.

Date Copy Returned				
Student Name				
PAT Item Number				
Subject (R, M, W)				
Copy Rec'd by				
Copy Made by Copy Rec'd by Subject (R, M, W)				
Date of Copy				

APPENDIX D

GENERIC SCORING RUBRIC FOR OPEN-ENDED READING ITEMS

Points	Criteria
4	A 4-point response clearly demonstrates understanding of the task, completes all requirements, and provides an insightful explanation/opinion that links to or extends aspects of the text.
3	A 3-point response demonstrates an understanding of the task, completes all requirements, and provides some explanation/opinion using situations or ideas from text as support.
2	A 2-point response may address all of the requirements, but demonstrates a partial understanding of the task, and uses text incorrectly or with limited success resulting in an inconsistent or flawed explanation.
1	A 1-point response demonstrates minimal understanding of the task, does not complete the requirements, and provides only a vague reference to or no use of the text.
0	A 0-point response is irrelevant or off-topic.

APPENDIX E

GENERIC SCORING RUBRIC FOR OPEN-ENDED MATHEMATICS ITEMS

3-Point Response

The response shows complete understanding of the problem's essential mathematical concepts. The student executes procedures completely and gives relevant responses to all parts of the task. The response contains few minor errors, if any. The response contains a clear, effective explanation detailing how the problem was solved so that the reader does not need to infer how and why decisions were made.

2-Point Response

The response shows nearly complete understanding of the problem's essential mathematical concepts. The student executes nearly all procedures and gives relevant responses to most parts of the task. The response may have minor errors. The explanation detailing how the problem was solved may not be clear, causing the reader to make some inferences.

1-Point Response

The response shows limited understanding of the problem's essential mathematical concepts. The response and procedures may be incomplete and/or may contain major errors. An incomplete explanation of how the problem was solved may contribute to questions as to how and why decisions were made.

0-Point Response

The response shows insufficient understanding of the problem's essential mathematical concepts. The procedures, if any, contain major errors. There may be no explanation of the solution or the reader may not be able to understand the explanation. The reader may not be able to understand why and how decisions were made.

APPENDIX F NEW JERSEY REGISTERED HOLISTIC SCORING RUBRIC

In scoring, consider the grid of written language		Inadequate Command		Limited Command		Partial Command	ł	Adequate Command		Strong Command		Superior Command	
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	•	May lack opening and/or closing	•	May lack opening and/or closing	•	May lack opening and/or closing	•	Generally has opening and/or closing	•	Opening and closing	•	Opening and closing	
Confent	•	Minimal response to topic; uncertain focus	• •	Attempts to focus May drift or shift focus	•	Usually has single focus	•	Single focus	•••	Single focus Sense of unity and coherence Key ideas developed	• • •	Single, distinct focus Unified and coherent Well-developed	
Organization	•	No planning evident; disorganized	• •	Attempts organization Few, if any, transitions between ideas	• •	Some lapses or flaws in organization May lack some transitions between ideas		Ideas loosely connected Transitions evident	• •	Logical progression of ideas Moderately fluent Attempts compositional risks	• • •	Logical progression of ideas Fluent, cohesive Compositional risks successful	
	•	Details random, inappropriate, or barely apparent	•	Details lack elaboration, i.e., highlight paper	• •	Repetitious details Several unelaborated details	•	Uneven development of details	•	Details appropriate and varied	•	Details effective, vivid, explicit, and/or pertinent	
Usage	• •	No apparent control Severe/numerous errors	•	Numerous errors	•	Errors/patterns of errors may be evident	•	Some errors that do not interfere with meaning	•	Few errors	•	Very few, if any, errors	
Sentence Construction	•	Assortment of incomplete and/or incorrect sentences	• •	Excessive monotony/same structure Numerous errors	• •	Little variety in syntax Some errors	• •	Some variety Generally correct	•	Variety in syntax appropriate and effective Few errors	• •	Precision and/or sophistication Very few, if any, errors	
Mechanics	•	Errors so severe they detract from meaning	•	Numerous serious errors	•	Patterns of errors evident	• •	No consistent pattern of errors Some errors that do not interfere with meaning	•	Few errors	•	Very few, if any, errors	

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NR = No Response Student wrote too little reliable judgment of hi		/ Student did not v	Off Task topic/task, or the stu	copy the prompt.		NE = Not English Student wrote in a	English.		WF = Wrong Format Student refused to	or the writing task	

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APPENDIX G SRA STUDENT PROFILE FORM

(All available ISRs must be attached to this form.)

			Date	
Secondary School Name County/District/School Code	Dis	District Name		
Student's Last Name	Fir	First Name		MI
HSPA ID #		Sex	MAC II score	
If ELL uses translated SRA PATs, then the dithe date the ELL entered New Jersey Schools	If ELL uses translated SRA PATs, then the date the ELL entered the school's Bilingual/ESL Program the date the ELL entered New Jersey Schools	school's Bilingual/E	SL Program	OR
Cluster Name	Date Successfully Completed/PAT Item Number	If the PAT(s) was in another language, list language below	was Each SRA PAT guage, Score (Mean oelow or Summed)	Perfect/Near Perfect Cluster Raw Score (\(\frac{1}{2} \)
Language Arts Literacy Reading: Language Arts Literacy Reading:				
Language Arts Literacy Writing: Language Arts Literacy Writing:				
SRA Panel Member Recommendations: I required HSPA LAL clusters.	<u>Language Arts Literacy Panel</u> ations: I hereby recommend the above-named student as having demonstrated proficiency of the	iteracy Panel ve-named student as	having demonstrated profi	iciency of the
Name (Please Print) 1.	Area of Certification	tion	Signature	<u>Date</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

APPENDIX G (con't) SRA STUDENT PROFILE FORM

Student's Last Name		First Name		MI
Cluster Name	Date Successfully Completed/PAT Item Number	If the PAT(s) was in another language, list language below.	Each SRA PAT Mean Score	Perfect/Near Perfect Cluster Raw Score (\(\rangle \)
Mathematics Number Sense: Mathematics Number Sense:				
Mathematics Spatial Sense: Mathematics Spatial Sense:				
Mathematics Data Analysis: Mathematics Data Analysis:				
Mathematics Patterns: Mathematics Patterns:				
	Mathematics Panel	<u>Panel</u>		
SRA Panel Member Recommer HSPA mathematics clusters. Name (Please Print)	SRA Panel Member Recommendations: I hereby recommend the above-named student as having demonstrated proficiency of the required HSPA mathematics clusters. Area of Certification Signature Signature Date	named student as having de <u>Signature</u>	emonstrated profici	ency of the required <u>Date</u>
1.				
2.				
4.				

APPENDIX H SRA STUDENT RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET

Student (Last Name) (First Name) (MI)	District	School	County
Directions: Complete this form for each content area. Attach a copy of the student's work for each PAT completed successfully to this form and file this completed tracking sheet(s) in the district's permanent record file for a period of one year after the student graduates. Content (check one): Language Arts Literacy Mathematics Mathematics Performance Assessment Tasks Cluster PAT Item Number: Date Administered Scores Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 PAT Item Number: Date Administered Cluster Date Administered Cluster Date Administered Reader #2 Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed Score Reader #2 Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed Score	Student		HSPA ID#:
Directions: Complete this form for each content area. Attach a copy of the student's work for each PAT completed successfully to graduates. Content (check one): Language Arts Literacy Mathematics Mathematics Mathematics Performance Assessment Tasks Cluster PAT Item Number: Date Administered Score Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 Reader #2 Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed Score Bate Administered Administered Score Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 PAT Item Number: Date Administered Bate Administered Administered Administered Bate Assigned to Student Response Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed Score Bate Administered Beader #1 PAT Mean or Summed Score Bate Administered Beader #1 PAT Mean or Summed Score Bate Administered Beader #1 PAT Mean or Summed Score Beader #2 PAT Mean Or Summed Score Bead	(Last Name)		
PAT Item Number: On-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed to the Number: PAT Item Number: PAT Item Number: PAT Item Number:	Directions: Complete this form for this form and file this completed graduates.	r each content area. Attach a copy of the stutracking sheet(s) in the district's permanent	dent's work for each PAT completed successfully to record file for a period of one year after the student
PAT Item Number: Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed	Content (check one): Language A		
PAT Item Number: Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed	Performance Assessment Tasks		
Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed PAT Item Number: Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed	Cluster	PAT Item Number:	Date Administered
PAT Item Number: Non-Adjacent Reader #3 PAT Mean or Summed	Scores Assigned to Student Resp Reader #1 Reader #2_		PAT Mean or Summed Score
Non-Adjacent Reader #3	Cluster	PAT Item Number:	Date Administered
	Scores Assigned to Student Resp. Reader #1 Reader #2_		PAT Mean or Summed Score

APPENDIX H (con't) SRA STUDENT RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET

Cluster	PAT Item Number:	Date Administered
Scores Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 Reader #2	Non-Adjacent Reader #3	PAT Mean or Summed Score
Cluster	PAT Item Number:	Date Administered
Scores Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 Reader #2	Non-Adjacent Reader #3	PAT Mean or Summed Score
Cluster	PAT Item Number:	Date Administered
Scores Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 Reader #2	Non-Adjacent Reader #3	PAT Mean or Summed Score
Cluster	PAT Item Number:	Date Administered
Scores Assigned to Student Response Reader #1 Reader #2	Non-Adjacent Reader #3	PAT Mean or Summed Score

APPENDIX I SRA SCHOOL SUMMARY FORM

County Code _	District Code	School Code	appropriate column if the student is special education (SE) or an English Language Learner tive language, indicate the language used. In the next column, record the student's MAC II subject column(s) for which the student has successfully completed the SRA and has been officiency requirements of the HSPA. Attach additional copies as needed. Maintain a copy long with the completed SRA Student Profile Forms (Appendix G) to the county office by	Mathematics								
Com	District Co	School	t who successfu) or an English Imn, record the completed the Spies as needed.	<u>Language</u> <u>Arts</u> <u>Literacy</u>								
			f each studen ducation (SE) the next colu- successfully of additional co- representations (App	MAC II Score								
			HSPA ID# oint is special eage used. In student has student has sPA. Attach udent Profile	<u>Native</u> <u>Language</u>								
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County Name	District Name	Secondary School Name	<u>Directions</u> : List the names in alphabetical order (last name first) and the HSPA ID# of each student who successfully completed the SRA process. Indicate "Y" for yes in the appropriate column if the student is special education (SE) or an English Language Learner (ELL). If the SRA was conducted in a native language, indicate the language used. In the next column, record the student's MAC II score. Then, place a "Y" for yes in the subject column(s) for which the student has successfully completed the SRA and has been qualified by the district as meeting the proficiency requirements of the HSPA. Attach additional copies as needed. Maintain a copy for your records and send the original, along with the completed SRA Student Profile Forms (Appendix G) to the county office by March 31 of each year.	Student Name								Totals:

APPENDIX I (con't) SRA SCHOOL SUMMARY FORM

District SRA Coordinator (Please Print)	Date
District SRA Coordinator Signature	
PRINCIPAL AND SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATION OF PROFICIENCY AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SRAPROCESS. I hereby certify that the student(s) listed in this document has (have) demonstrated proficiency of the required HSPA content areas commensurate with the level required to be eligible for a New Jersey high school diploma. I hereby certify that the school district has complied with all New Jersey Department of Education policy and procedures for implementation of the SRA process, including notification of parents or guardians about the student's participation in the SRA process and the option to appeal the SRA certification decision.	OMPLIANCE WITH THE SRA f the required HSPA content areas by certify that the school district has ion of the SRA process, including tion to appeal the SRA certification
Principal (Please Print)	Date
Principal Signature	
Superintendent (Please Print)	Date
Superintendent Signature	

APPENDIX J DIRECTORY OF TRANSLATION VENDORS

This directory is provided as a service to school districts in the event that they wish to have materials translated into another language. It does not imply an endorsement of any of the listed vendors, nor is it a complete list of vendors.

1-800-TRANSLATE 865 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017 (800) 872-6752

ALS Translation and Interpreting 15 Maiden Lane Suite 300 New York, NY 10038 (800) 788-0450

American Translations 225 Broadway Room 1040 New York, NY 10007 (212) 227-8040

Foreign Language Institute 428 Winding Lane Chalfont, PA 18914 (215) 563-3180 Language Services Associates 607 N. Easton Road Building C2 Willow Grove, PA 19090 (800) 305-WORD

Lexicomm, International 501 Washington Lane Suite 204 Jenkintown, PA 19046 (215) 989-5000

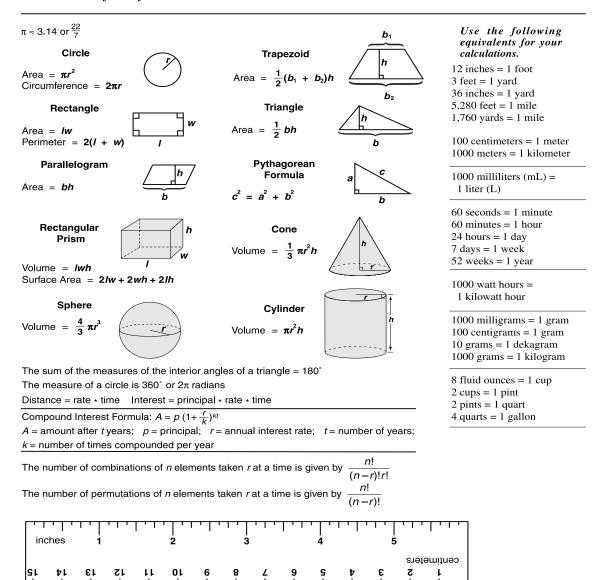
Text Translation and Interpreting 1518 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 772-1820

Para-Plus Translations, Inc. 430 Clements Bridge Road Barrington, NJ 08007 (856) 547-3695 www.para-plus.com

APPENDIX K

HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT MATHEMATICS REFERENCE SHEET

Use the information below, as needed, to answer questions on the Mathematics Section of the High School Proficiency Assessment.



Note: This reference sheet is for informational purposes as the ruler is not drawn to scale.

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